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NOTE ON CORTICIUM LEUCOTHRIX, B. & C.

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I have recently gathered specimens of this curious fungus. It was first described by Berkeley in the Notices of N. A. Fungi; it is No. 284. The hymenium is truly "beset with delicate white bristles" as stated by Berkeley. These the hymenium had parted with when Massee redescribed the same specimen in the Journal of the Linnean Society, Vol. XXV, 133.

The species was referred to the "subgenus" Coniophora, by reason of "Hymenium pulverulent; spores large, profuse, colored," Grevillea, VIII, 89. It stands here Corticium (Coniophora) leucothrix B. & C. Massee writes it Coniophora leucothrix Cooke, in the Journal of the Linnean Society.

The peculiarity of the plant is the association of the white cystidia with the brown spores; the former pertain to the genus Peniophora, the latter are characteristic of the genus Coniophora. The cystidia of Corticium leucothrix are similar to those generally in the species of Peniophora; they are terete, tapering slightly to the apex, roughened with irregular warts, projecting 50-90 mic. beyond the surface of the hymenium, 12-15 mic. in thickness. The spores are subelliptic, inequilateral, yellow-brown, pellucid, 11-14 x 6-7 mic.

The cystidia in the genus Peniophora, after maturity, soon disappear, especially when the plants continue to be exposed to the weather; then the specimens are usually referred to Corticium. It can easily be shown that this has been done in more than one instance.

THE ACCENTUATION OF MYCOLOGICAL COMPOUND NAMES.

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It seems that the perplexing question of correct formation and derivation is not the only matter in nomenclature which disturbs the botanist. The accentuation of names gives trouble now and again, in spite of the apparently simple rule for all anglicized Latin and Greek scientific words, that the Latin rule is to be followed, namely: accent the second syllable from the end if it be long; if it is short, accent the preceding one. But since these words are chiefly Greek compounds, some explanation of the laws underlying their accent before they suffer transliteration may replace apparent dogmatism with reasonableness in the mind